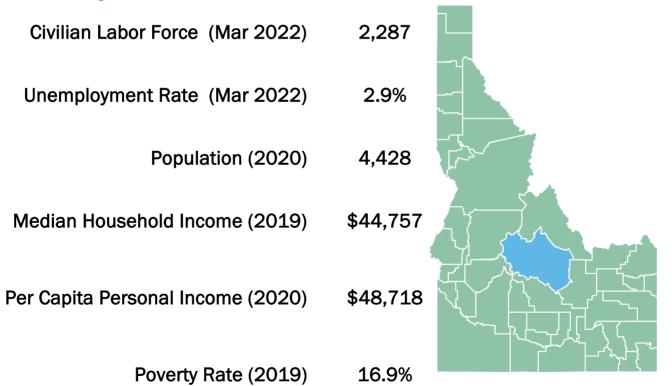


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# **Custer County Economic Overview**







# 1. County Demographic Characteristics, 2019

	Custer County	Custer County (%)	State of Idaho (%)	United States (%)
Total Population	4,193	100.0%	3,508,734	326,569,308
Race and Ethnicity				
White alone, not hispanic	3,571	85.2%	81.4%	60.1%
Black or African American alone, not hispanic	6	0.1%	0.6%	12.2%
Native American alone, not hispanic	20	0.5%	1.1%	0.6%
Asian alone, not hispanic	3	0.1%	1.3%	5.6%
Hispanic, or Latino (of any race)	299	7.1%	12.7%	18.2%
Gender				
Male	2,117	50.5%	50.1%	49.2%
Female	2,076	49.5%	49.9%	50.8%
Age				
Median age	53.0	-	40.5	38.2
Under 18 years	760	18.1%	25.3%	22.4%
Over 18 years	3,433	81.9%	74.7%	77.6%
21 years and over	3,281	78.2%	70.6%	73.5%
Over 65 years	1,392	33.2%	15.8%	16.0%
Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and Over)				
Less than 9th grade	61	1.5%	2.0%	3.3%
High school graduate (with equivalencies)	737	17.6%	17.4%	18.2%
Some college, no degree	758	18.1%	17.0%	13.9%
Associate's degree	347	8.3%	6.4%	5.9%
Bachelor's degree	810	19.3%	12.6%	13.8%
Graduate or professional degree	108	2.6%	6.1%	8.7%
Median Household Income	\$44,757	-	\$59,084	\$64,994

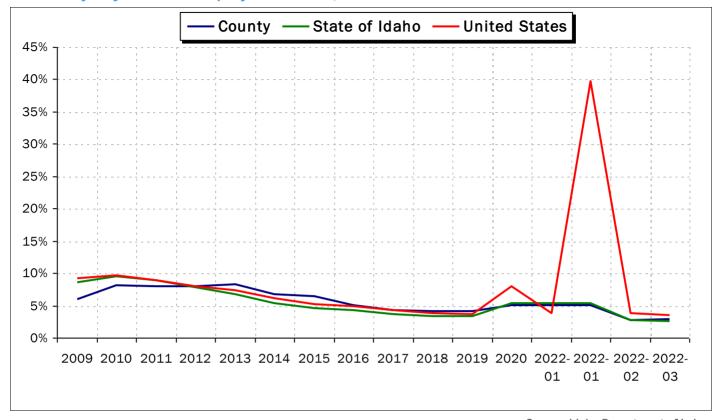
Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2019 5-Year Estimates

## 2. Labor Force

	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
March 2022	2,287	2,221	66	2.9%
March 2021	2,316	2,210	106	4.6%

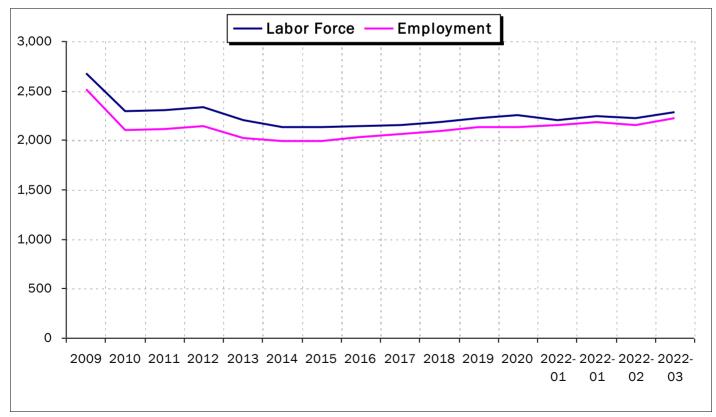
Source: Idaho Department of Labor

## 3. Seasonally-Adjusted Unemployment Rate, 2009 - Current



Source: Idaho Department of Labor

# 4. Seasonally-Adjusted Labor Force and Employment, 2009 - Current



Source: Idaho Department of Labor

# 5. Industry Employment and Wages - 2010, 2019 and 2020

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Supersector	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages
Total Covered Wages	1,675	\$34,875	1,513	\$1,490	1,540	\$35,637
Natural Resources and Mining	421	\$63,456	118	\$128	117	\$60,093
Construction	57	\$30,918	61	\$77	95	\$37,623
Manufacturing			20	\$21	18	\$33,188
Trade,Transportation, and Utilities	263	\$22,860	281	\$269	277	\$33,892
Information	33	\$43,107	39	\$33	36	\$56,306
Financial Activities	50	\$18,630	27	\$22	19	\$35,103
Professional and Business Services	56	\$35,369	68	\$56	53	\$32,380
Education and Health Services	218	\$21,301	224	\$234	249	\$25,912
Leisure and Hospitality	268	\$13,390	372	\$364	391	\$27,111
Other Services	26	\$12,582	57	\$35	31	\$21,861
Public Administration	273	\$39,974	238	\$244	246	\$49,393

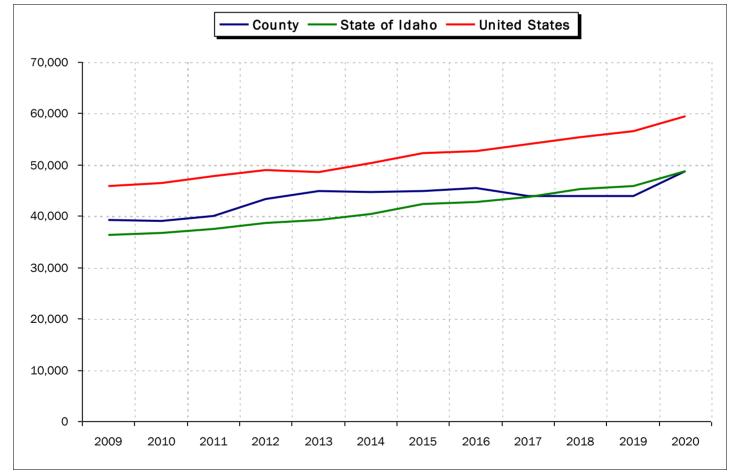
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# 6. Top Employers, 2020

Employer	Ownership	Range
U.s. Forest Service	Federal Gov	100 - 249
Challis Joint School District	Local Gov	050 - 099
Custer County	Local Gov	050 - 099
Thompson Creek Mining	Local Gov	010 - 049
Mackay Joint School Dist #182	Private	010 - 049
Personal Home Care	Private	010 - 049
Redfish Lake Lodge	Private	010 - 049
Mountain Village Resort	Private	010 - 049
Idaho Department Of Fish And Game	Private	010 - 049
Mountain Village Resort	State Gov	010 - 049

NOTE: Only employers that have given the Department permission to release employment range data are listed. Source: Idaho Department of Labor

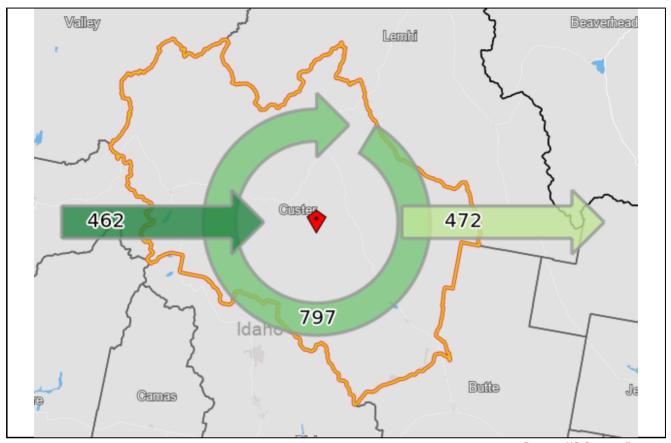
## 7. Real Per Capita Income, 2009 - 2020



Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

#### 8. Labor Force Commuting Patterns, 2019

It is estimated that 797 workers lived and worked in Custer County in 2019. Another 462 workers were employed in Custer County but lived outside, while 472 workers commuted to other counties for work.



Source: US Census Bureau

# 9. Top 10 Cities Where People Who Work in Custer County Live, 2019

City of Residence	All Jobs	Percentage
Challis	195	15.5%
Mackay	88	7.0%
Idaho Falls	29	2.3%
Boise City	24	1.9%
Salmon	24	1.9%
Twin Falls	13	1.0%
Arco	11	0.9%
Nampa	11	0.9%
Stanley	11	0.9%
Lost River	10	0.8%

Note: "All Jobs" includes private and public sector jobs. It also includes a count of workers with multiple jobs. Source: US Census Bureau

## 10. Top 10 Cities Where People Who Live in Custer County Work, 2019

City of Employment	All Jobs	Percentage
Challis	281	22.1%
Mackay	245	19.3%
Idaho Falls	86	6.8%
Stanley	65	5.1%
Boise City	49	3.9%
Arco	28	2.2%
Meridian	22	1.7%
Salmon	15	1.2%
Pocatello	13	1.0%
Jerome	12	0.9%

Note: "All Jobs" includes private and public sector jobs. It also includes a count of workers with multiple jobs. Source: US Census Bureau

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